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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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FOR SIMONS FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, RO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. VLAD GEORGESCU. WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS OF GEORGESCU'S EFFORTS TO GET APPROVAL TO COME TO WASHINGTON ON WILSON FELLOWSHIP. UNDERSTAND HE IS HAVING TROUBLE. TO GUIDE US IN DEALING WITH ISSUE HERE, IS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING VLAD WOULD RETURN TO ROMANIA OR WOULD HE STAY ON IN THE U.S.?

2. PARCEL POST AGREEMENT. THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS TODAY PROVIDED PARCEL POST AGREEMENT WHICH THE ROMANIANS OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE SIGNED DURING THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. THE EMBASSY HAS DEALT DIRECTLY WITH THE POSTAL SERVICE ON THIS MATTER AND POSTAL SERVICE HAS BEEN LESS THAN FORTHCOMING IN KEEPING US INFORMED. SINCE THE U.S. DRAFT IS VOLUMINOUS AND TECHNICAL, AND HAS NOT BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE ROMANIANS, WE DOUBT THAT THE ROMANIANS WILL BE ABLE TO DIGEST IT
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IN TIME FOR SIGNING DURING THE VISIT. IN ANY CASE, THE ROMANIANS HAVE NOT APPROACHED US ABOUT SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

3. FOR TOM SIMONS FROM DARRYL JOHNSON. I AM, AT LONG LAST, PLANNING A FAMILIARIZATION TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A DAY OR TWO WITH YOU EN ROUTE. MY PLAN, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE PLANES, IS TO FLY DIRECT TO BUCHAREST

ON MAY 5 (FRIDAY), THEN TAKE A RIVER BOAT UP THE DANUBE TO BELGRADE ON MAY 7 (SUNDAY). IF A BOAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, TRAIN WOULD DO. I REALIZE THAT WOULD MESS UP PART OF YOUR WEEKEND, WHICH I GENUINELY REGRET, BUT I THINK I SHOULD BE IN BELGRADE BY MONDAY. IF THAT TIMING IS INCONVENIENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. ALSO IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN BRING (E.G. AVOCADOS, STRAWBERRIES). I REALIZE YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO WORK ON IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, HENCE MY TIMING.

4. IN REFERENCE TO BUCHAREST 1948, THE VISA OFFICE'S EXPERT ON THIS PROBLEM IS IN LATIN AMERICA UNTIL APRIL 17, THEREFORE RESPONSE WILL BE DELAYED. IF THIS CAUSES SEVERE DIFFICULTIES FOR YOU, PLEASE PRESS FOR AN URGENT RESPONSE IN NORMAL CHANNEL. VANCE

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